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In the news

We've got data

The Atlantic Cities yesterday released its 10 favorite metro data sets of 2012 – and Philadelphia came in No. 1 for the police department's release last week of all major city crimes since 2006. The information is now updated daily, and crimes from the past year can be displayed plotted on the municipal map. Individual incidents also include a link where viewers can submit a tip directly to the department. METRO

In the news

'No cheese!'

A Pennsylvania man has been charged with throwing a tantrum inside a McDonald's after finding cheese on his burger.

Authorities said Sean Varone, 35, of York County, knocked over a trash can, threw a high chair and left the restaurant. When an employee followed him outside to call 911, he grabbed the woman and threw her phone across the parking lot. METRO

In the news

▶ Patterson

Trial ordered in boy's murder

NORTH PHILADELPHIA. A mother and her boyfriend were ordered to stand trial yesterday for the beating death of the woman's 5-year-old son.

Lashay Patterson, 23, and Christian Patrick, 25, are charged with the murder of little Dashawn Harris on Dec. 1. Prosecutors claim the boy had burns and bruises covering his entire body because the couple hit him with a belt and burned him with a hair dryer.

Defense attorneys claim Patterson and Patrick have mental health issues and did not intend to kill Harris. METRO

Corbett to unveil new database

HARRISBURG. A new website aimed at transparency in state government will be unveiled today.

Gov. Tom Corbett is expected to release PennWATCH, which was created as a result of the Pennsylvania Web Accountability and Transparency (PennWATCH) Act, which Corbett signed into law in June 2011.

The online searchable database will allow citizens to view state budget, spending, revenue and employee information. METRO

Ramsey goes to Washington to help tackle gun violence

▶ Former DC chief will meet with VP Biden today to help generate concrete proposals ▶ Philly's top cop is in unique position

RIKARD LARMA/METRO

▶ As top cop in a murder-plagued city, Ramsey will look to offer solutions to a national problem.

Philadelphia is a city all too familiar with gun violence. But that expertise may prove invaluable to those in other parts of the country still reeling from last week's mass shooting in Newtown, Conn., as Police Commissioner Charles Ramsey announced yesterday that he will join a White House commission tasked with recommending reforms in the tragedy's wake.

"Given his expertise as one of the preeminent law enforcement managers and thinkers in this country, we're very pleased that he'll have an opportunity to be a part of that group," Mayor Michael Nutter's press secretary Mark McDonald said.

Ramsey, who came to Philadelphia in 2008 after serving as chief of Washington, D.C., for eight years, heads up both the Major Cities Police Chiefs Association and the Police Executive Research Forum. He was tapped by Vice President Joe Biden to help draft a set of proposals, which President Barack Obama said will be completed by January. He is expected to travel to D.C. today to meet with Biden.

"I think he, like other police commissioners and chiefs, wants good tools for his officers and prosecutors he partners with to keep [guns] off the streets," said Shira Goodman of CeaseFirePA, who called Ramsey a "valuable partner" in the initiative. "I think they have a unique perspective of the damage and danger guns can do."

Ramsey on Tuesday called the Newtown shooting a "complicated" case. "You've got mental health issues involved, you've got gun-control issues involved, you've got a variety of things that need to be looked at if we're going to do all we can to keep our communities safe," he said.

"Even doing that, there always can be that situation that someone whose mind is made up – this is what they're going to do – could carry out a deed like was carried out in Newtown," he continued. "But I think that's no excuse for us to not take the necessary steps we need to take as a society to do everything we possibly can."

ALEX WIGGLESWORTH

Faith leaders rally for cause

Religious leaders from around the region yesterday gathered at the former site of Pennsylvania Hall to call for an end to gun violence – but they weren't advocating for prayer alone.

"We call on our congregation to take direct action, to put their feet to the faith," said Rev. James McIntire of Heeding God's Call, a grassroots interfaith coalition organized that stages regular vigils outside gun stores they say sell to straw purchasers.

Attendees were asked to sign a pledge to not only support the victims of gun violence and to keep the issue at the forefront of their community, but to do everything possible as individuals to bring that violence to an end.

Farnese to introduce bills

State Sen. Larry Farnese (D–Phil.) is the latest lawmaker to announce a plan to introduce gun-control legislation. "Last week's massacre, and the similarly horrible tragedies that have occurred over the last few years, have been happening more and more frequently in the United States and they need to stop," he said in a statement. His planned reforms include:

- A bill banning assault weapons and high-capacity magazines
- A bill closing the "Florida loophole," under which those who have been denied gun permits in Pennsylvania can legally obtain one through Florida, where requirements are more lax
- Legislation setting a mandatory minimum sentence for carrying illegal firearms and temporarily barring violent felons from purchasing or possessing firearms
- A correction of sentencing differences between adult and juvenile offenders to reduce the number of straw purchasers

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In the news

▶ The suspect

Dollar stores burglarized

EAST GERMANTOWN. Police are looking for a man who they say dropped through the roof of an East Germantown dollar store and took cigarettes and cash three times in a little over a week.

The man burglarized the Giant Dollar Store at 35 E. Chelten Avenue shortly before 1 a.m. on Dec. 7, around 7 p.m. on Dec. 11 and at 11:50 p.m. on Dec. 15, according to investigators. Police said he took cartons and loose packs of cigarettes, as well as an undetermined amount of money. METRO

Police search for hotel jewel thief

CENTER CITY. Police are searching for the man who stole $1,500 worth of jewelry from a Center City Marriott Hotel.

Authorities said the incident happened just before midnight on the 1200 block of Market Street. According to reports, a man used a brick to break the display case and stole bracelets and necklaces.

The suspect fled on foot and was last seen heading westbound on Market. METRO

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The thief made off with $1,500 worth of jewelry from a local Marriott Hotel and fled on foot early Wednesday.

Juvenile. Justice

▶ The center replaced the previous one on the Benjamin Franklin Parkway.

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Youth center dedication

Mayor Michael Nutter and city officials will dedicate the Juvenile Justice Services Center today in the Mill Creek section of West Philadelphia. The state-of-the-art center will accommodate juvenile offenders who were temporarily housed at a facility in East Falls during three years of construction. Nutter will highlight the educational and cultural components of the project. METRO

Property-tax overhaul data unveiled

Mayor Michael Nutter announced yesterday that the city has taken a huge leap toward making its Actual Value Initiative of property-tax assessments a reality. Citywide assessments have put the approximate taxable value of all Philadelphia residential, commercial and industrial properties at $96.5 billion.

"For decades, our property assessment system was completely broken," Nutter said. "We had a fundamentally bad system that produced inaccurate data, resulting in an unfair system for Philadelphians. Under AVI, properties have been assessed accurately and fairly [and] the tax formula will be easier to understand."

Properties are currently taxed based on an estimated total value of $38 billion.

With the aggregate value pinned down, the projected tax rate for 2014 has been put at 1.3 percent – 1.4 percent if City Council passes the Homestead Exemption relief for long-time owner-occupants whose taxes will drastically increase.

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The number of parcels — or 3 percent of all properties — that must be rechecked due to anomalies

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Penn St. board approves 16% raise for prez

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▶ PSU president Rodney Erickson

Penn State's Board of Trustees approved a 16 percent raise for University President Rodney Erickson, effective Nov. 1, the school announced yesterday.

Erickson's salary will increase from $515,000 to $600,000 based on the one-year anniversary of his appointment as president in November 2011. Erickson took over after Graham Spanier was asked to step down due to fallout from the Jerry Sandusky sex abuse scandal.

The university said the raise is in line with Erickson's contract, which is based solely on salary and a typical benefits package.

"President Erickson has done a tremendous job leading our university through a difficult year — one of the most difficult in the history of Penn State," said Karen Peetz, chairman of the board.

In the past year, three high-ranking administrators, including Spanier, have been charged with a coverup of the Sandusky scandal. The university was also roundly criticized for its handling of Sandusky in a report from former FBI director Louis Freeh.

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In comparison

- Erickson's salary is about the average base salary for presidents and chancellors at 17 comparable universities, according to a 2011 survey commissioned by Penn State and the University of Pittsburgh.

In the news

Drugmaker reaches $150M settlement on spray litigation

British drugmaker GlaxoSmithKline Plc. has reached a $150 million preliminary settlement with U.S. drug wholesalers who claimed the company improperly delayed entry to the market of generic alternatives to its nasal spray Flonase, according to court documents.

The settlement was reached with, among others, AmerisourceBergen Corp., Cardinal Health Inc., and McKesson Corp., who maintained that Glaxo had abused the citizen's petition process to maintain a market monopoly and overcharge for the spray by restricting access to less expensive generic versions.

The preliminary settlement was approved by the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. The company's U.S. base is in Philadelphia. **REUTERS**

Study: Most states not ready for disaster

Two nonprofit groups released "Ready or Not?" yesterday, a 79-page analysis of public health preparedness — that is, the ability of hospitals, health departments and others to prevent and respond to emergencies ranging from bioterrorism to influenza outbreaks to catastrophic weather.

It's a grim reckoning. The assessment is based on how many of 10 key benchmarks a state met, such as whether it holds drills to make sure public health workers can respond quickly to, say, a catastrophic release of radiation, and whether its labs can work overtime to identify a mystery disease.

This year, 35 states met fewer than seven of the 10 benchmarks, including Pennsylvania. Only five met eight of 10. In 2010, in contrast, more states made the grade: 17 met at least nine benchmarks and 25 met seven or eight. No state met fewer than five. **REUTERS**

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In the news

▶ U.S. mission in Benghazi

Inquiry slams State Department over Benghazi

WASHINGTON. Security at the U.S. mission in Benghazi, Libya, was grossly inadequate to deal with a Sept. 11 attack that killed a U.S. ambassador and three others because of failures within the State Department, an official inquiry found on Tuesday.

In a scathing assessment, the review cited "leadership and management" deficiencies at two department offices, poor coordination among officials and "real confusion" in Washington and in the field over who had the responsibility, and the power, to make decisions that involved policy and security concerns. **REUTERS**

UBS fined $1.5B in scandal over interest rates

ZURICH. Swiss bank UBS agreed to a $1.5 billion fine on Wednesday after admitting to fraud and bribery in a deepening scandal over the rigging of global benchmark interest rates. Dozens of UBS staff manipulated the Libor rate, which is used to price trillions of dollars' worth of loans across three continents, in collusion with brokers and traders at other banks, according to an international investigation.

U.S. prosecutors also lodged criminal charges against two former UBS senior traders for the Libor manipulation, the first individuals to be charged in the wide-ranging investigation that involves more than a dozen big banks. **REUTERS**

Biden to head gun control task force

President Barack Obama announced yesterday that Vice President Joe Biden will lead an effort to come up with policies to address gun violence amid calls for action following the massacre of 26 people including 20 children in a Connecticut elementary school last week.

The president did not announce policy decisions but rather laid out the process by which his administration will move forward.

Obama has turned to Biden in the past to take a role in high-profile policy initiatives, such as efforts to seek a deficit-reduction compromise with congressional Republicans in 2011.

Biden's mission — to coordinate a process among government agencies to formulate policies in the wake of the Newtown shootings — comes just days after an event that has generated a national outcry for greater efforts to stem gun violence.

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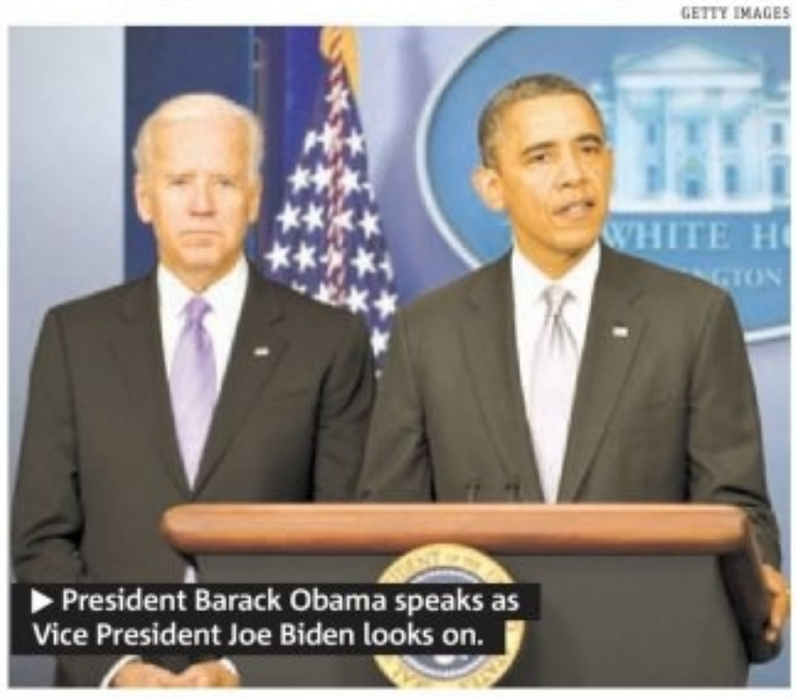


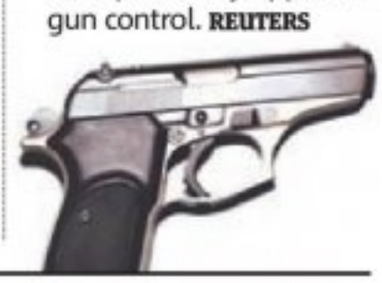
▶ President Barack Obama speaks as Vice President Joe Biden looks on.

The Connecticut massacre was the fourth shooting rampage to claim multiple lives in the United States this year.

The president issued a call to action at a memorial service in Newtown on Sunday, demanding changes to the way the United States deals with gun violence. Obama said that in coming weeks he would "use whatever power this office" holds to start efforts to preventing further tragedies. **REUTERS**

Gun culture

- Gun control has been a low priority for most U.S. politicians due to the widespread popularity of guns in America and the clout of the National Rifle Association, the powerful gun-industry lobby.
- The constitutional right to bear arms is seen by many Americans as set in stone, and even after mass shootings, politicians have tiptoed around specific steps to limit access to lethal weapons.
- Even so, the horror of the Newtown killings, in which a 20-year-old man killed 6- and 7-year-old children and their teachers in their classrooms before taking his own life, has provoked an apparent change of heart in some politicians who have previously opposed gun control. **REUTERS**



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Obama is Time's POTY; men hit the malls

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▶ More men hit the malls for last-minute shopping.

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US men take holiday shopping to the edge

For many men, it's all-or-nothing time for holiday shopping. Either they have already done all their shopping, or they have completed none of it, a Reuters/Ipsos poll shows.

Eighteen percent of total respondents to the survey said they had none of their holiday shopping done, unchanged from a survey the previous week. But more men were shopping laggards, with 20.6 percent versus 15.6 percent of women saying they still had bought no gifts.

Men also were more likely than women to say that they had all of their holiday shopping done, 9.5 percent versus 25.60 percent for women.

"Men tend to keep their list smaller and concise, as wives already took care of the majority of gifts," said Jharonne Martis, director of consumer research for Thomson Reuters. **REUTERS**

Phones covered

US tightens rules protecting children's online privacy laws

Regulators are taking steps to protect the privacy of children when they go online by requiring parental consent before companies collect certain information.

The changes mark an update to rules based on the 1998 Children's Online Privacy Protection Act, developed when most computers were big boxes sitting on office desks instead of smartphones in backpacks and permeating most aspects of daily life. **REUTERS**

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▶ Children online

Selected again

Obama named Time 'POTY'

Time has tapped President Barack Obama for its Person of the Year for the second time, citing his historic reelection last month as symbolic of the nation's shifting demographics and the rise of younger, more diverse Americans.

In announcing its annual selection yesterday, the magazine called Obama the "Architect of the New America."

Obama was also selected for the honor in 2008 when he became the nation's first black president. **REUTERS**

Newtown shootings

More funerals for slain children

Six more victims of the Newtown school shooting were honored at funerals and remembrances yesterday, including the school principal, who was killed along with 20 of her students and five other staff members at Sandy Hook Elementary School. The massacre of so many children, most of them just 6 or 7 years old, has shocked the U.S. and the world, renewing debate over gun control in a nation where the right to bear arms is protected by the Constitution and fiercely defended by many. **REUTERS**

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▶ A child's funeral

Talks turn sour

Obama threatens to veto GOP plan

Progress in talks to avoid a fiscal crisis appeared to stall yesterday as President Obama accused Republicans of digging in their heels because of personal grudges, while a Republican leader called the president "irrational."

Obama and John Boehner have been negotiating a deal to avert harsh tax hikes and spending cuts scheduled for January that could trigger a recession. Obama said he was puzzled over what was holding up the talks. **REUTERS**

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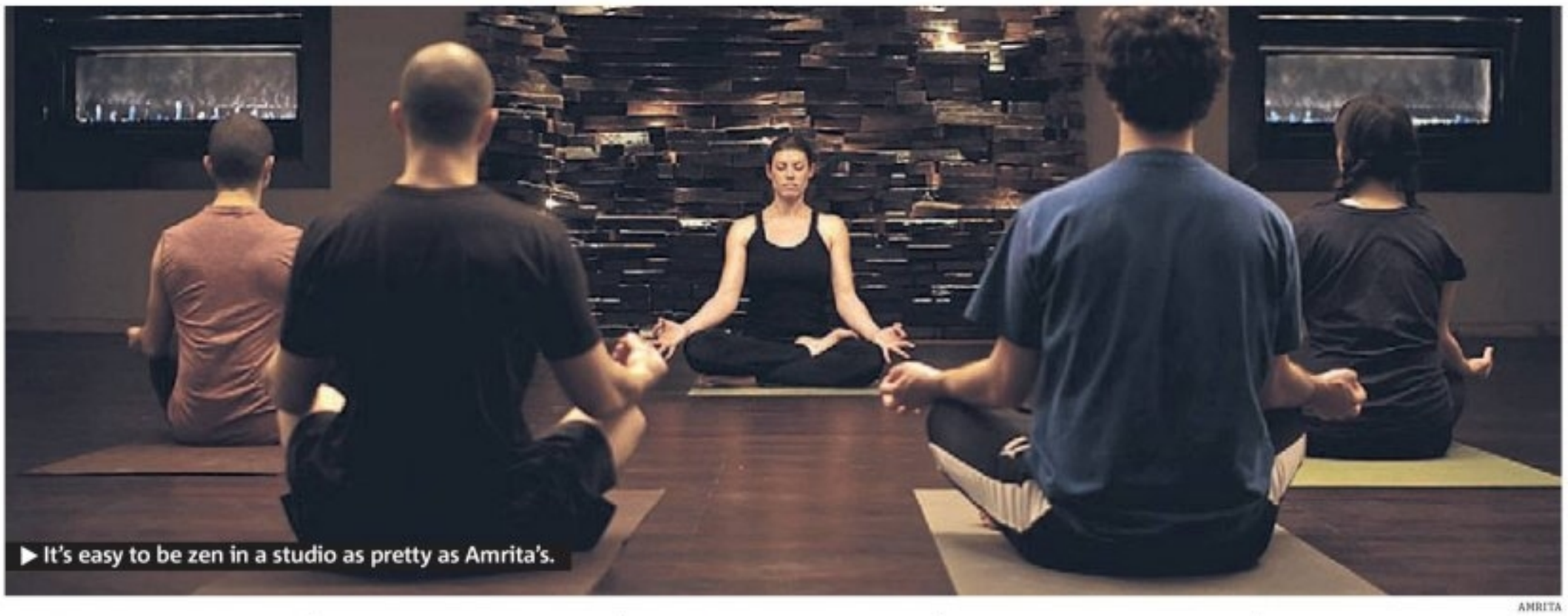

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Yoga studio we're trying to move into:

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THE WORD

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Bald ambition: These shorn actresses took it off for 2012

No more long locks for these ladies Whether it was for a role of a lifetime or to bring awareness to a cause, here are some haircuts that turned heads this year

Anne Hathaway
Why: The actress had to shave her head for her role as the prostitute Fantine in "Les Miserables."
Current length: Short. "I love the short-haired lifestyle," Hathaway says in the December issue of Vogue. "I'm turning 30, and — I hope this isn't obnoxious to say — I feel prettier and much more myself. I guess I just feel much more satisfied with less now."

Charlize Theron
Why: Theron's shaved head is courtesy of her latest film role, "Mad Max: Fury Road."
Current length: Still shaved.

Kellie Pickler
Why: The "American Idol" singer got a buzz cut to support her best friend, Summer Miller, who had to undergo chemotherapy while being treated for breast cancer.
Current length: Growing out a tad. "We made a pact from the get-go that we would shave our heads together," Pickler told E! Online about sharing the look with her best pal. "And we did."

From left to right: Hathaway, Theron, Cyrus and Pickler, below, cut back.

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Miley Cyrus
Why: Probably because she's aching to be seen as more "edgy" than her Disney roots.
Current length: It hasn't gotten longer or shorter. It's only gotten crazier. As she wrote on Twitter when she first lost the locks, "Never felt more me in my whole life."

Dude who could look more like these ladies

Brad! Your hair. I realize you have 23 children, but that is no excuse to let yourself go. Let's make 2013 be more "Fight Club" Pitt than "True Romance" Pitt. We women thank you.

Pitt, circa now

The feed ...

Checking in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in their own words, in 140 characters or fewer.

Today, Jennifer Lopez is happy to be done with her tour, Ralph Macchio is having trouble getting in the Christmas spirit, Roseanne Barr thinks the world is ending tomorrow and Jonah Hill is still feeling betrayed.

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@JonahHill
Instagram, you were my favorite app and you stabbed me in the back. I feel like I married you and you just slept with my best friend.

Barr

Talking points

Stewart: Still on the apology train

Kristen Stewart knows she has upset more than a few fans over the course of her "Twilight" tenure — and especially since her summer cheating scandal. "I apologize to everyone for making them so angry. It was not my intention," the actress tells Newsweek. "It's not a terrible thing if you're either loved or hated. But honestly, I don't care because it doesn't keep me from doing my s—." And as for the hugely successful vampire franchise coming to an end? "The only relief when it comes to 'Twilight' is that the story is done," she admits.

Middleton will try to stomach Christmas dinner

Despite her recent pregnancy-related hospitalization, **Kate Middleton** is vowing to put on a brave face for the Royal Family's Christmas dinner, according to Radar Online. "Kate doesn't want to disappoint the Queen, nor does she want to skip on her duties," a source says. "She feels she is obliged to appear at the annual Christmas dinner and doesn't want to let anyone down." Her husband, though, is offering an out. "**William** has his concerns, though, that she won't be up to it — and told Kate she shouldn't worry if she feels too sick to attend and that no one will judge her negatively," the source adds. "But Kate isn't having it and is determined to be at the dinner, smiling as always."

Jolie's next directing assignment

Angelina Jolie is set to return to the director's chair, choosing to adapt **Laura Hillenbrand**'s WWII survival story, "Unbroken," as her second film, according to E! News. The story follows **Louis Zamperini**, an air force pilot who survived a crash and spent most of the war in a Japanese prison camp. "I read Laura Hillenbrand's brilliant book and I was so moved ... I immediately began to fight for the opportunity to make this film," Jolie says.

Stefani on 'war,' marriage

Gwen Stefani uses some interesting analogies when discussing reaching her 10th anniversary with husband **Gavin Rossdale** to Vogue. "It's like these wars that go on and then you kind of get through to the other side, and it's like, 'Wow.'" The singer also says she enjoys the compromise that comes from being parents. "Having kids takes the whole relationship to another place. It is the ultimate collaboration."

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PRODUCT JUNKIE: RITA ORA

Jay-Z's protegee divulges her tips for a two-tone lip, plus talks Gwen Stefani and J.Lo.

No one rocks a strong brow and bold lip quite like Rita Ora, so we felt compelled to pick her brain about her trademark look. In the process, Ora gave up a few tips on how to wear a two-tone red pout and the celebrity (it's J.Lo!) whose complexion she covets the most.

On her morning routine: "It takes about 10 to 15 minutes. If I don't have to wear makeup, I won't. I don't mind being on camera barefaced. Having healthy skin is really important. On off-days, I'll wear bronzer and a lipstick. A red lip and black liquid eyeliner is my easiest look. It looks good on blondes — but this is bleached!"

Rita Ora loves a red lip.

Lipstick or lip gloss? "I love a strong lip. I would see women like Marilyn Monroe and Gwen Stefani with red lips and they never looked like they gave a s— about what anyone had to say. They had such confidence. When I put red lipstick on, I want to be like them. The other day, I wore a pink and red dress, so I made my top lip pink and my bottom lip red. That was cool. Or you can do bright red on the outside and dark red on the inside and blend it."

Her beauty icons: "Kim Kardashian has good makeup. But J.LO is my skin idol, I love her. Do I sound like a psychopath?! My mum's really good with makeup. She'd say: 'Don't do a lip and an eye. Pick one.' I follow her advice — sometimes."

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Inside her makeup bag

1 Chanel Vitalumiere Aqua Fresh and Hydrating Cream Compact Makeup SPF 15, $58, www.chanel.com
"I don't party that much, but this covers things up quickly. It's got a little mirror which makes it easy to use."

2 Elizabeth Arden Eight Hour Cream Skin Protectant, $20, www.elizabetharden.com
"I use this for everything— for my face, on my lips as a gloss and, sometimes, when I want a wet look, I put it on my eyelids."

3 Tom Ford Cherry Lush Lip Color, $48, www.tomford.com
"It's not just an evening look, I wear it in the day with sunglasses. It spices up your face."

Top 3

Reasons to hit the multiplex

1. 'This is 40' Paul Rudd and Leslie Mann return as the somewhat happily married couple from Judd Apatow's 2007 hit "Knocked Up." This time around, the parents of two young daughters (played by Apatow's daughters in real life) struggle with the idea of growing older together.

2. 'Jack Reacher' Tom Cruise takes on the famed character from author Lee Child's best-selling series. Reacher is a homicide investigator who goes beyond the dictates of the law when investigating random shootings.

3. 'The Guilt Trip' Barbra Streisand and Seth Rogen play mother and son in this road trip movie about two lonely souls reconnecting while on a hilarious journey across the country.

"This is 40"
SUZANNE HANOVER

TV watch list

'Jersey Shore'

REALITY. So long, meatballs — after six seasons of GTL, grenades and T-shirt time, the self-proclaimed guidos and guidettes who ruled Seaside Heights, N.J. — with minor detours attempting to look legit in South Beach and Italy — are closing the "Shore" house for good. Let's toast to MTV's most unlikely celeb housemates (at least since "The Real World" first bunked seven strangers under one roof) and the engagements, babies and sobriety that they have seen these last three years. But most importantly, we must give our thanks to the cast for expanding our vocabulary — may you all live long, mint lives in accordance with girl/guy code. **Series finale, 10 p.m., MTV**

'CMA Country Christmas'

SPECIAL. Sugarland's Jennifer Nettles hosts this down-home holiday celebration with appearances by Lady Antebellum, Scotty McCreery, Keith Urban and more. **9 p.m., ABC**

'The X Factor'

REALITY. Five million bucks. That's the size of the recording contract girl group Fifth Harmony, country singer Tate Stevens and young Carly Rose Sonenclar could walk home with tonight — and how much Fox hopes you actually love the winner the voting audience has chosen. **Season finale, 8 p.m., Fox** AMBER RAY

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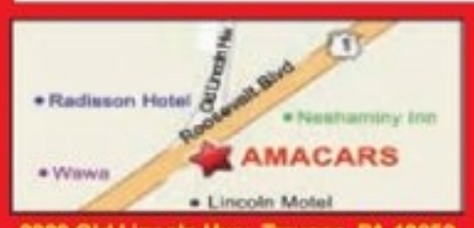

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▶ A young Bilbo is played by Freeman.

Tolkien, the new class

New citizens of Middle-earth, Martin Freeman and Richard Armitage, discuss starring in Peter Jackson's 'The Hobbit'

In director Peter Jackson's eyes, Martin Freeman was always Bilbo Baggins. While Ian Holm does reprise his role as the older, wiser Bilbo in "The Hobbit," there was something about the veteran of "The Office" and the BBC's "Sherlock" series that made Freeman an irresistible choice for this younger, more anxious version of Tolkien's famous character.

"We just felt he had qualities that would be perfect for Bilbo — that essential kind of fussy English, slightly repressed quality," says Jackson. "We thought he'd be very good at playing that. He's a dramatic actor. He's not a comedian. But he's a dramatic actor who has a very rare comedic skill."

While not originally a fan of the books himself, Freeman was eager to join the cast.

"My experience of Middle-earth was through the films, which I think are still great pieces of work," Freeman says. "It was a pleasure to be with a crew that committed, to get to know actors I knew a little bit from home, but not very well, who subsequently became friends. … It had a way of not being intimidating."

Also joining the cast was British actor Richard Armitage, who takes on the character of Thorin, a would-be dwarf king out to avenge the deaths of his father and grandfather. Despite the fact that so many of the cast and crew from "The Lord of the Rings" series had returned for these films, Armitage felt embraced by the group.

▶ Armitage stars as Thorin.

"We were just always made to feel very welcome, like we were coming into a family," he says. "It was just very easy."

Easy in one sense, but quite daunting in another. With the cast committed to a year and a half of shooting, the actual filming process was no casual stroll through Rivendell.

"Working with Peter, the thing that I've realized is that when you think you've given him everything you've got, he asks you for more and somehow you find it," says Armitage. "There's always more to give."

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Wanna meet someone? Use your social network

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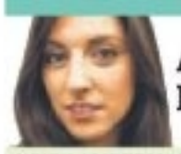

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I know what you're thinking: If my friends knew someone who would be good for me they would take the initiative on their own. Not true. First of all, friends may be trigger shy because they don't know you're open to being set up. Second, unless you ask your friends to think about all the singles they know, they're probably not actively considering all the cool people that might make a good match.

Why not take a new strategy and see what happens?

*— **Amber Madison** is a Manhattan-based relationship expert and dating coach. She is the author of 'Are All Guys Assholes?' for which she traveled the country, spoke to over 1,000 men and discovered that the answer to this question is no. You can follow her on Twitter **@ambermadi** or online at **www.ambermadisononline.com***

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Horoscope

♐ Sagittarius **Nov. 23-Dec. 21.** Although you'll be able to adequately fend for yourself, your more notable benefits are likely to come from a partnership. You could actually be involved in two of them, with happy results.

♑ Capricorn **Dec. 22-Jan. 19.** Although you might have to once again deal with a matter that has given you much trouble, this time experience and wisdom are on your side. You'll come out ahead.

♒ Aquarius **Jan. 20-Feb. 19.** Do not be a capricious risk-taker, but also don't be afraid to take a chance if doing so might serve your best interests. You must not let unfounded fear stop you.

♓ Pisces **Feb. 20-March 20.** When it comes to your financial affairs, you might not do everything letter- perfect, but your good moves should outrank many of your bad ones and put you in the plus column.

♈ Aries **March 21-April 19.** It behooves you to be positive in all that you do. Instead of worrying about what may or may not happen, go out into the world, enjoying what your heart and head tell you to do.

♉ Taurus **April 20-May 20.** A pleasant surprise might be in store for you, when something that hasn't looked too profitable suddenly makes a big change for the better.

♊ Gemini **May 21-June 20.** Trust that things have a way of balancing themselves out, and you'll quickly find out that if you're not being treated too well in one case, something else will make up for it.

♋ Cancer **June 21-July 22.** You've heard the old saying: "The harder your work, the luckier you get." This could be true in your case, when you achieve more than you expected through a lot of strong effort.

♌ Leo **July 23-Aug. 22.** Although you're presently in a rather good cycle where your general interests are concerned, material rewards will require more arduous work. However, it'll be worth it.

♍ Virgo **Aug. 23-Sept. 22.** Don't depend on luck to provide what you want. However, an ambitious aim can be realized if you give it top priority and are willing to work hard to achieve it.

♎ Libra **Sept. 23-Oct. 23.** If you have to make an important judgment call that would affect others as well as yourself, make it from a noble perspective. Good intentions will produce big advantages.

♏ Scorpio **Oct. 24-Nov. 22.** By being willing to work hard and playing your cards well, you could generate great financial benefits through a valuable and unusual source.

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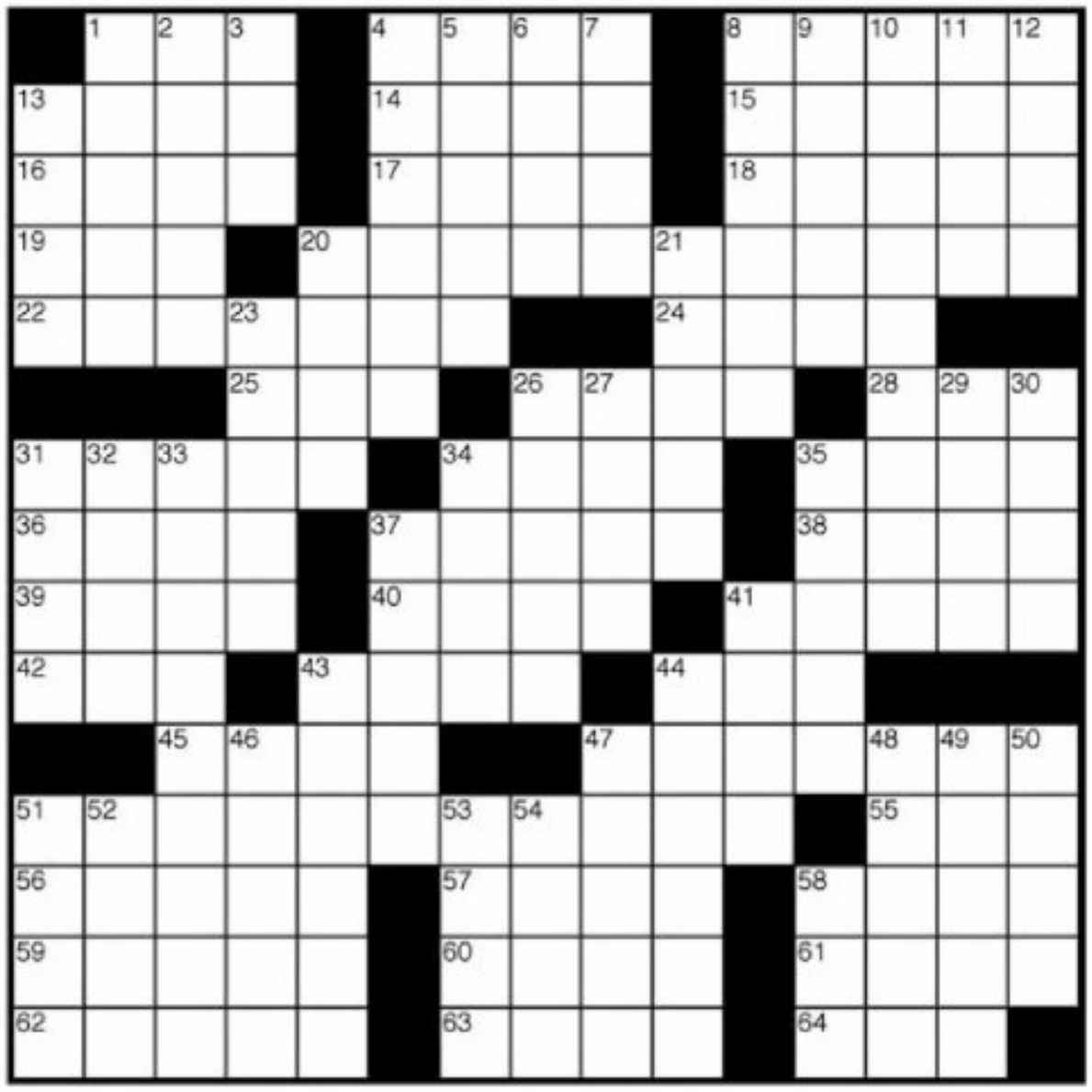

Letters to the editor

Founding Fathers wanted armed, responsible citizens

RE: "THE FOUNDERS KNEW ONLY FLINTLOCKS" (METRO, DEC. 19) Letter writer Larry D. Fowler's letter is hopelessly inaccurate. First, there weren't 40, or any amount of "signers" to the U.S. Constitution. The U.S. Constitution was not "signed" by anyone; it was ratified by the State Legislature of each of the 13 colonies. Second, if Mr. Fowler was referring to the signers of the Declaration of Independence, well there were 56 signers, not 40, and I don't think one would describe Samuel Adams, John Adams and Benjamin Franklin as "northern aristocrats." Third, the Founding Fathers did envision every American to be armed. One of the laws passed by Congress and signed by George Washington in 1792 was a law requiring all able-bodied adult males to purchase and keep a rifle.

STEPHAN DEJEAN, VIA E-MAIL

The Founding Fathers may not have anticipated automatic guns when they wrote the Second Amendment, but I think they did anticipate personal responsibility from the citizenry. But, alas, this is something we seem to have lost in this society.

MARC MALOOF, VIA E-MAIL

Vote out anyone in bed with NRA

Following the tragic massacre of children and teachers in Newtown, only the latest of multiple episodes of gun violence in the United States, the public must finally be ready to demand action. We claim to be a civilized society but have the worst record for gun violence of all industrialized countries. It is now clear that a very important factor if not the most important factor in causing gun violence is a failure of effective gun control in the United States. I place this failure squarely at the feet of the NRA and the gun lobby. I now call on both liberals and conservatives to vote out of office any congressman that supports the NRA or the gun lobby or that refuses to support gun control measures soon to be introduced by President Obama and others.

GEORGE CHRISTIAN, VIA E-MAIL

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Report: Vick open to joining Jets circus

After the Jets benched Mark Sanchez — and then told Tim Tebow he wasn't good enough to start for them — many are predicting New York as a perfect landing spot for Mike Vick next season. Assuming the Eagles don't bring him back, of course.

Vick, who ran the scout team at yesterday's practice and could be active as the No. 3 quarterback Sunday, didn't speak to reporters. However, there is an NFL.com report citing sources claiming that he would be open to playing for the Jets.

Vick has a very specific stipulation: He must be paid more than Sanchez, making it clear that he is No. 1 on the depth chart. Sanchez is due $8.5 million in 2013. METRO/MG

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▶ Vick will likely leave the Eagles after the season.

McCoy set to return, begged Reid to play

● Concussed running back will start Sunday ● Brown, Lewis to be used in rotation ● Offense excited to get playmaker back

When Andy Reid announced that LeSean McCoy would be starting Sunday's home finale, reporters stared at each other blankly. Yes, the concussed running back has cleared all his testing. Yes, backup Bryce Brown has struggled to hang on to the ball. Still, it seems risky to put the Eagles' franchise back in harm's way with nothing left to play for other than pride.

But Reid informed the masses that the idea came from McCoy himself.

"He wants to play," Reid said yesterday. "I'm going to keep a close eye on him. It won't be a normal workload like you'd see during the season when he's fresh. He's coming off an injury. I understand that, so I'll keep a close eye on him."

Reid added that Brown and Dion Lewis would be active and worked into the rotation. The last thing the embattled coach needs is to have McCoy suffer a debilitating injury in a meaningless game, one which could very well be Reid's final home game in charge of the Eagles. That's another reason McCoy feels so strongly about getting back out there.

"I don't live like that, just taking off," McCoy said. "Even when I got hurt, people blamed coach for a bit but I want to be in there. I'm a competitor, and I'm going to finish the season out."

While McCoy hasn't enjoyed the same success he had in last year's breakout campaign (1,309 yards, 17 rushing TDs), he is still knocking on the door of another 1,000-yard season. He has rushed for 750 yards through 10 games — five less than in 2011 — and two scores. McCoy's mere presence in the backfield should immediately bolster the offense.

"He's such a dynamic player," said Nick Foles. "It's exciting to have him back because he's done so many great things here and just to have him healthy. I know he's excited to be back out there. [He] just adds another dimension."

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▶ Foles hands off to McCoy the last time the Eagles played Washington. That was the game where McCoy suffered his concussion.

Next man up

- **Brent Celek** (concussion) practiced for the first time in almost two weeks. He told reporters that he was "back" and would suit up Sunday. They'll need him after backup **Clay Harbor** was placed on IR.
- Meanwhile, FB **Stanley Havili** (hamstring) missed practice and WR **Jeremy Maclin** (back) was only a limited participant. If Havili can't go, rookies **Emil Igwenagu** and **Chris Polk** would split the fullback duties.

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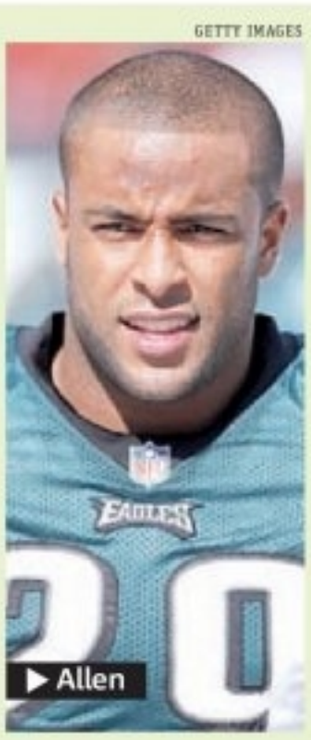

▶ Allen

Coleman moves to free safety, Allen out

The Eagles safety carousel continues, just as it has pretty much since Brian Dawkins left.

Kurt Coleman, who missed the past two games due to injury, will start at free safety against Washington, while Colt Anderson moves from free safety to strong safety. Nate Allen is the odd man out.

"Colt came in, and we asked him to fill in at the line of scrimmage and be a physical player in there, and he did a nice job with that," head coach Andy Reid said. "We needed that at that time, and we're going to need it this week."

Allen has had an up and down career since blowing out his knee in 2010. And he didn't seem surprised at the demotion.

"Everything we do is to win games," Allen said.

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In or out?

RG3 practices for Redskins

Robert Griffin III fully participated in practice yesterday for Washington. Head coach Mike Shanahan will likely make a decision on whether to start him today.

The rookie sensation is trying to come back after spraining his right knee two weeks ago. He was full-speed at practice and he has told the coaches that he wants to play.

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ALWAYS NEXT YEAR

Fantasy football is supposed to be fun. We often forget that when going through heart-wrenching lineup decisions and brutal bad beats.

But you know what is fun? Thinking about who will be next year's hot prospects. Here's a look at the way-too-early 2013 Top 10:

Unstoppable

The word "unstoppable" gets thrown around way too much in sports. But **Adrian Peterson** defines it. Defenses put eight or nine men in the box and Peterson still goes for 150 yards weekly. Obviously healthy now, he's the No. 1 overall pick. Next up is **Arian Foster**, who runs behind the best run-blocking line in football. And **Calvin Johnson** is No. 3 because similar to Peterson, defenses designed to stop him can't. He beats punt gunner coverage and box-and-one schemes.

Backs that catch

As a rookie, **Doug Martin** proved he can carry a three-down workload and sustain explosion in a run-heavy offense. There's no downside at No. 4 with him. At No. 5, **C.J. Spiller** deserves a look. Either Chan Gailey will realize Spiller needs 20 touches per game or he'll end up canned. Rounding out this middle group are **Ray Rice** and **Jamaal Charles** — two backs that are their team's focal point and are big-time players in the passing game.

Position scarcity

You can win with at least 12 different quarterbacks. Owners are riding the likes of Andrew Luck and Andy Dalton into championship games this year. That's why the only quarterback in next year's Top 10 is **Robert Griffin III**. But at tight end, it's another story these days. We can barely trust anyone these days, making **Rob Gronkowski** a top-9 option. Round out the list at 10 is **Marshawn Lynch**, who won't turn 27 until April.

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▶ The potential for C.J. Spiller to get 20 touches per game in 2013 makes him a Top 10 option.

Bad WR matchups

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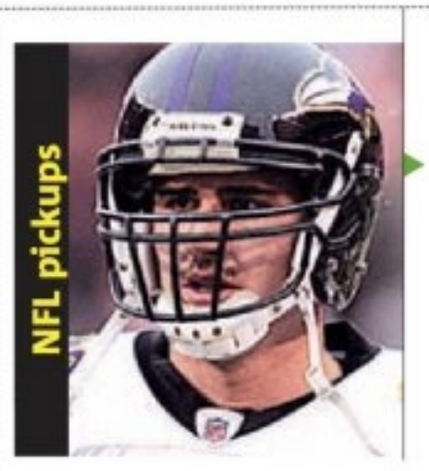
The fantasy Super Bowl is not the time to mess with these guys:

1. **Danario Alexander, SD** — Antonio Cromartie shut down Kenny Britt. His length will bother Alexander.
2. **Josh Gordon, CLE** — Look for Champ Bailey to stick with the speedy Gordon, while Greg Little battles Tony Carter.
3. **Larry Fitzgerald, ARZ** — Fitz has 89 yards in the last five games. Now he has Charles Tillman to contend with.



Dennis Pitta

TE, Ravens
We listed Pitta in this space last week and then he put up 125 yards and two touchdowns. With Torrey Smith now in doubt, the athletic tight end is Joe Flacco's best weapon.

Jackie Battle

RB, Chargers
Ryan Mathews has a broken clavicle. Again. Battle will be the early-down workhorse Sunday and will also handle any goal-line work. At running back, it's desperation time.

Jacoby Jones

WR, Ravens
Torrey Smith's concussion leaves Jones as a likely every-down receiver this week. He's flopped in chances like this before, but he does have plus-ability after the catch.

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Catches in the last three games for Greg Little, who is finally showing consistency with his routes and hands. He's on the WR3 radar in PPR format for Sunday's game in Denver.

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Lannan wants fifth starter spot, ready for healthy competition

Nationals cast-off latches on with Phillies ◗ Turned down more money for chance to learn ◗ Jokes about catching up with Utley

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▶ Lannan is 42-52 with a 4.01 career ERA.

John Lannan has only known one organization his entire career, the Washington Nationals. But when the Phillies came calling, the pitcher was a willing listener.

Lannan, who is 42-52 with a 4.01 ERA, believes the Phillies can go deep in 2013. "I think the Phillies have a great shot," Lannan said. "That's why I came here."

Lannan hasn't been officially anointed as the Phillies' fifth starter. And he doesn't mind vying for a spot. He could wind up as an innings eater, a trusty long reliever for Charlie Manuel.

"There is nothing wrong with some healthy competition," Lannan said. "Nothing is ever assumed. Last year is an example. I'll compete with the young guys and I'll do my best."

Lannan, who was a fixture in the Nationals rotation since 2008, was surprised when he was exiled to Triple-A after spring training last April.

So Lannan is back where he started, in a way. The tall left-hander made his major-league debut with the Nats at Citizens Bank Park in 2007. He was ejected from the game after he broke Chase Utley's hand with a fastball.

"It was six years ago," Lannan said. "That's water under the bridge. I'm not going to blow people away. I have to pitch inside to good left-handed hitters."

Lannan said he never spoke with Utley about ending his chance at earning a potential MVP award that went to Jimmy Rollins. But he'll have plenty of chances to chat with Utley and his former Nationals teammate Laynce Nix. Lannan said he spoke with Nix and former Phillie Jayson Werth. Each gave the organization a big thumbs-up.

"So coming in I knew a little about it," Lannan said. "It's weird being in a different clubhouse, but it's a new chapter in my baseball life."

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Wells on Phils radar?

Here's a new name to throw out there: Vernon Wells. According to CBS Sports, the Phillies and Angels could be working on a trade for Wells. Of course, they would expect L.A. to pick up most of his $42 million deal through 2014. Wells, 34, is a right-handed power bat in the outfield. METRO

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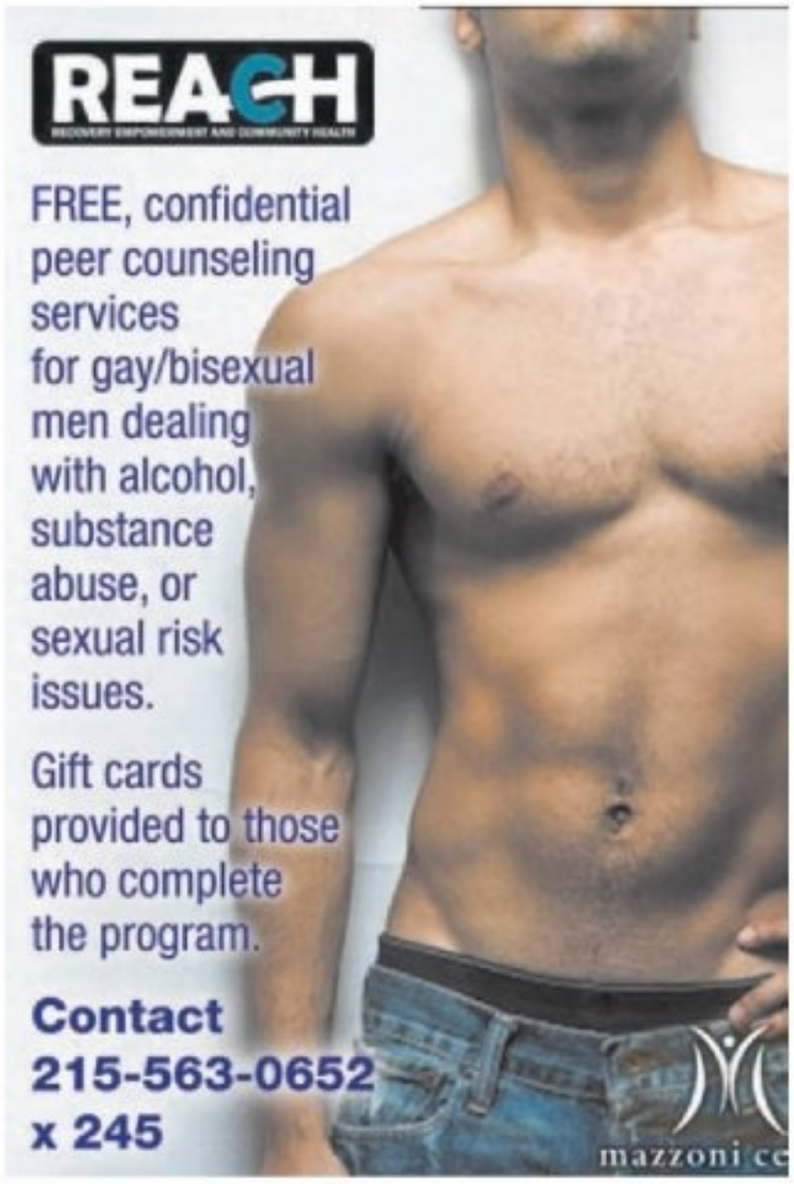
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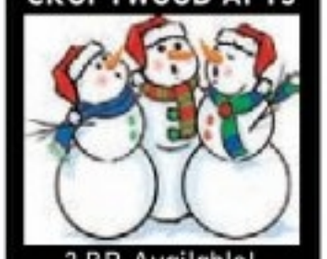

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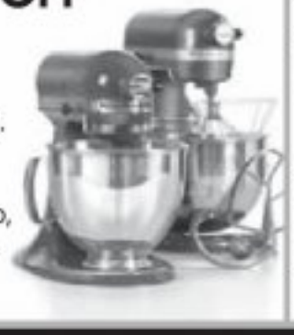

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